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- ☒ [X] FOURTEEN (14) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-17.
- ☐ [] An Assignment of the invention to CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA
- ☒ [X] The application claims priority from Japanese Application 2002-277081 filed September 24, 2002.
- ☐ [] A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.
- ☐ [] A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

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